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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR PATENT

OF: Masao OCHI et al.

| ART UNIT: 1723

USSN: 09/996,517

| CONFIRMATION NO. 3531

FILED: November 28, 2001

| EX.: M. O. Savage

FOR: Filtration Apparatus

| Due: August 11, 2003 (with  
August 9, 2003 being on a  
Saturday)

MS NON-FEE AMENDMENT  
COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
P.O. BOX 1450  
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450

August 11, 2003

TRANSMITTED HERewith IS A RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION OF MAY 9,  
2003, IN THE ABOVE IDENTIFIED PATENT APPLICATION COMPRISING *16*  
PAGES.

NO ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE IS REQUIRED, AS SHOWN BELOW.

CLAIMS RE- MAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	SMALL ENTITY	OR	LARGE ENTITY	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL: 7	MINUS: 20	0	X=\$		X=\$ 0	=\$ 0
INDEP: 1	MINUS: 3	0	X=\$		X=\$ 0	=\$ 0
					TOTAL ADDITION. FEE DUE:	=\$ 0

CERTIFICATE OF FAX TRANSMISSION:

I hereby certify that this correspondence with all indicated  
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the date indicated below, and is addressed to: COMMISSIONER FOR  
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*Walter F. Fasse* 8/11/03  
Name: Walter F. Fasse - Date: August 11, 2003

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RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION OF MAY 9, 2003, INCLUDING AN  
ATTACHED COVER SHEET WITH CERTIFICATE OF TELEFAX TRANSMISSION

Dear Sir:

Filing this Response on Monday August 11, 2003 is timely without  
a Term Extension because August 9, 2003 was a Saturday.

Please amend the above identified application as follows.

(THIS AMENDMENT IS IN THE NEW REVISED AMENDMENT FORMAT, WITH  
DELETED MATTER SHOWN BY STRIKETHROUGH AND ADDED MATTER SHOWN BY  
UNDERLINING. A SEPARATE MARKED-UP VERSION IS THUS NOT REQUIRED).

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